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This is particularly for those who were not at the June 27th meeting.

The latest draft (draft 4 issued 061906) of the regulatory language for our revised new source review regulation (Regulation 1125) was issued via the website just prior to the 6/27 meeting. Some aspects of the rule were discussed (see the meeting minutes which should issue on the website by next week) and it was generally concluded we should allow 30 days for written comment on the draft language before we meet again. Therefore the 7/18 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting is Tuesday 8/8 (Lukens Building, Conference Room B, starting at 10 am). All written comments should be returned to me (gene.pettingill@state.de.us) on (or preferably before) Friday 7/28. I will attempt to summarize the comments and get them to you before (likely on the eve of) the 8/8/06 meeting. The agenda for that meeting will be those comments.

You may wish to consult with other members of your organization as to comments on the draft, although I caution that those not close to our deliberations may not have the background to comment as well as committee members. We still have a ways to go before we have a final rule (first quarter 2007, I imagine) so there will be plenty of time (and a public workshop and a public hearing) for people to comment on the language emanating from this committee.

The earliest we could have a public workshop (probably two of them to hit both upstate and downstate people) will be sometime around early September, a public hearing by end of October and a final published rule by year end. Likely some of these dates may slip but we should hit the final rule date in first quarter 2007.

To help make this schedule, I ask that the committee be prepared to hold sessions on a weekly basis after the 8/8 meeting. Therefore, I have reserved the conference room for Tuesday 8/15 and 8/22 (it was already reserved for our regular session -if we need it - on 8/29). The sooner we can arrive at language that is generally livable for us, we can get on with the public workshops and the rest of the regulatory development schedule – but we should be prepared to take the time to insure a good product. This team has done a magnificent job up till now and we should persist to insure the final product represents the quality of effort so far expended.

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